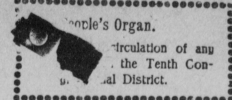


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### Good Roads for the Mountains.

There is no subject which deserves more attention during the approaching session of the Legislature than the condition of the mountain counties, with a view to its betterment in every possible way.

One of the best means to this desirable end which suggests itself is to secure a better system of roads in the mountains. From the physical conditions there but few railroads have as yet penetrated them, and until development of their rich resources shall introduce the necessary capital and population, the mileage cannot be expected to increase. The building of railroads there is most expensive, the region being traversed by few streams affording natural routes, and cut up by parallel ranges of forbidding mountains as outliers to the Cumberland range. Pending the coming of the time when the development of the country becomes feasible, the wise thing to do is to secure better roads, making communication between neighboring counties more practical, as well as with the outer world.

There has never been any action, either by the State or of communities, looking to the making of good roads and keeping them in order. In this respect a great wrong has been done that portion of the State. The roads follow the old traces of the Indian and pioneer along the beds of the streams subject to frequent overflow, or up steep acclivities, without the aid of engineering skill in their location or adequate provision for their repair. So serious has been the neglect in this respect that it has not been many years since there were counties in which wheeled vehicles were not to be found. Lumber, the chief product, was floated to market in logs on freshets, with sleds and horseback service for travel. The consequence has been that the people have been isolated from intercom-

munication with those of neighboring counties or from contact with the people of other parts of the State.

Kentucky has, as to the richer and more favored parts of the State, been the pioneer road builder of all Western States, having more than sixty years ago built many miles of turnpike by which the country traversed by them has been developed to a high degree of production and wealth. Stage lines from Louisville to Mayville and from Louisville to Nashville on these roads long antedated the railroads, while some parts of the State were gridironed with turnpikes built in whole or part by the State. So also as to slack water improvements. The Kentucky and Green rivers were locked and dammed by the State near the same period of turnpike construction, but as in the case of the latter, the improved navigation stopped short of the mountains, where if it had been extended to the coal fields, with or without the turnpikes, there would have been a different condition now.

While there is no longer any possibility under our Constitution of the State's resuming such policy and remedying the wrong done the mountains by exclusion from its bounty, and while the slow rate at which the Federal Government is extending navigation in that direction may not be accelerated, justice and good economic policy suggest that the Legislature should take the question up with a view to inaugurating some system by which at least the county seats can be connected with roads of easy grade and durable construction. All that region has been topographically surveyed and mapped by the Federal Government and the possibility of such construction demonstrated. Discussion of the subject will do no harm, and may lead to great good. It will at least demonstrate to the good people of the mountains that they are not doomed to hope-

less neglect, in thought as well as deed. Let us have a concerted action it is not possible to make permanent peace thereby making better conditions for thrift and comfort.—Courier-Journal.

The National French Draft Horse Association has offered special prizes of \$1,000 for the exhibit of French draft horses at the World's Fair. This sum added to the \$5,205 given by the World's Fair makes a total of \$7,205.

### Profit at Frankfort Penitentiary.

The sixth annual report of the Kentucky State Prison Commission shows the Frankfort prison made a profit to the State of \$19,320.14, and that at the Eddyville prison there was a deficit of \$14,569.24 during the fiscal year from December 1, 1902, to November 30, 1903. The commission will ask the Legislature to make a total appropriation of \$62,000 for improvements at both prisons.

### Whisky as Pure Food.

The whisky men of Kentucky are delighted because the Government has agreed to allow them to make an exhibit of their produce in the pure food department of the United States exhibit at the World's Fair. Pure food as we understand it is free from anything which is injurious from anything which is injurious to health? How does whisky ever get in this class? Is there any product on the face of the earth that deranges the health of more people than whisky?

Wherever there is an exhibit of the stuff there ought to be an exhibit of its effects. We suggest that at St. Louis the distilled corn juice is displayed there be appropriate pictures of what whisky produces. There should be a painting of a gallows with a man swinging from it with a noose around his neck, on him in large gilt letters the words "Whisky caused this." Then there should be another picture of a happy home and a companion piece of a ruined one and whisky shown as the cause of this. Disgrace and dishonor might be pictured in fifty different ways. The penitentiary should be put upon the canvas in a large picture and the words should be written across the building, "More than half the inmates came here from the use of whisky," which the government says is pure food. Then a few facts like this should be hung up, "Whisky causes more crime, more misery and more disgrace than all other agencies combined." A man intoxicated on this pure food and beating his wife might find a place in this collection, also the statement of some of our celebrated physicians that the curse of drink is inherited and the sins of the fathers are visited on the children of the second and third generation. We believe these pictures would attract more attention than the exhibit of bottled goods which the government has classified as pure food.—Elizabethtown News.

The Advocate \$1.00 per year.

### Poultry Notes.

It is advisable to have all perches the same height, and at a distance of not over two feet from the ground. Having them roost too high is the cause of bumble foot.

To increase the egg-producing capacity of a flock of hens requires selection—the culling of the hens and proper selection of the male, as he is sire of all the chicks hatched.

The first rule for fall and winter egg production, is to get out your pullets early and keep them growing from the day they break the shell to the day they are put in their houses in the fall.

Standard-bred pullets is the best for any purpose, because the standard requires that they be started right. They are bred for results, and, as chicks, are fed for growth. It is the only way to get hens that will lay well and pay well. Have you this kind?

It makes no particular difference whether hens are fed twice a day, three times a day, four times a day, provided the system, whichever it is, be maintained regularly and is governed at all times by an intelligent understanding of the need of the flock and the results obtained.

Keep the hens scratching in the litter of the house. A little wheat or oats will keep them busy a long time. Feed heavy enough at night to send the fowls to their roosts with a full crop.

Eggs in fall and early winter must come primarily from pullets.

A hen that has laid faithfully for nine or ten months is now just recovering from the moulting period. Consequently we must not expect her to do much in the way of producing eggs. If she is of the American class, true she may lay now and then enough to pay for her keep. Primarily we must depend on the pullets to furnish the bulk of the eggs at this season of the year. But a pullet must be fully matured before she will produce an egg a day.

### Hats off to the Hen.

All honor to the American hen. This friend of man laid last year 1,290,000,000 eggs, worth in the market \$141,000,000, besides other millions which have never been counted. In our own country alone there are varieties of fowls on the farm worth \$85,794,000. There are 250,000,000 chickens which produce, in addition to the egg supply, poultry for table purposes worth \$136,000,000, making an annual production of \$280,000,000, or an income of 400 per cent on the investment. To further demonstrate the value of the American hen the statistician declares that, with the exception of 1900 the egg crop of the United States has exceeded in value that of the country's combined gold and silver output for every year since 1850; and the same statement is true of the poultry product excepting the year 1800 and 1900.—Paducah Register.

At this season the fireworks get in their deadly work.

### State Capitol Possible Without Extra Taxation.

In his report to the General Assembly, just completed, Auditor Coulter has the following to say in the matter of the appropriation for a new State capitol:

"Inquiry has been made of the Auditor by various members of the General Assembly and by quite a number of citizens of the State as to whether or not the present revenues of the State would provide sufficient funds to build and furnish new capitol buildings. I have given this careful consideration and thorough investigation, and for answer will say that if the General Assembly should decide to make an appropriation for the erection of a new capitol the present revenues, if left unimpaired, and vigorously administered, will be able to furnish in excess of the current expenses at least \$400,000 per annum until the purpose of the appropriation be accomplished.

"It will not be necessary to borrow a dollar, nor increase the present rate of taxation to secure money necessary for capitol building purposes.

"By a painstaking and vigilant administration of the fiscal department of the government, and the practise of rigid frugality with regard to expenses of all departments of government throughout the State, a surplus equal to the demands of the proposed public buildings can be quite easily accumulated.

"It will require at least three and possibly four years to complete the capitol buildings. It will be more economical, and certainly more businesslike, to provide in the appropriation bill that a certain stipulated sum be set apart for this purpose out of each year's revenues, until the aggregate amount appropriated is consumed."

### Grand Jury Failed.

Judge Parker had a special grand jury impaneled at Lexington and gave a strong charge on the investigation of the operation of slot machines in that city. The regular grand jury which adjourned Saturday failed to indict the operators. The court said he did not care to censure the action of the late grand jury, but that he had no patience with any man who knew the law was being violated and would make no effort to stop it, especially when he had been sworn and instructed by the court to inquire into and stop any violations. The jury retired immediately to the grand jury room and began the investigation into the slot machine nuisance, a number of witnesses being examined.

### Perilous Times.

Perilous times will prevail during the year 1904, according to Weather Prophet Marsh in the Cincinnati Enquirer. It will be one of the worst years on record for disasters, earthquakes, wars and floods.

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### Sounds Warning to Young Men in the Industrial Race.

In New York in a sermon on "Women," Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis has sounded a warning note to young men in business life. "If you don't want women to outstrip you in the industrial race," he said, "and compel you to come to them when you want fifty cents worth of whisky and quit gambling at race tracks and in pool rooms.

"Women," continued Dr. Hillis, "in spite of man's refusal to give them the rights and privileges to which they are entitled, are today in 145 branches of business and in instances showing more ability than the men.

"In one of the greatest financial institutions of this city not long ago a well-known man, drawing a salary of \$25,000 a year suffered a nervous collapse. The directors selected a young woman who for ten years had been the stenographer. She, the director told me, has done better work than the man she succeeded and is doing it for \$10,000 a year.

"In fifty years, the women will know more than the men. They have more time to read and they are improving their time. Eventually they will vote and tell the men for whom they shall vote.

"Eventually all the universities will be co-educational and the women will carry off all the prizes."

### Office Building for House of Representatives.

Speaker Cannon, Representative Hepburn and Richardson (Tenn.), comprising the commission having in charge the construction of an office building for the House of Representatives, were informed by Attorney General Knox that the jury of condemnation had fixed the price to be paid for the site at \$741,000. The ground then will be cleared and the erection of the building begun at once. The structure is to cost between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000, and its construction will take several years.

### Ohio Odd Fellows to Expel Saloonkeepers.

Grand Master Charles C. Pavey of the Ohio Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has issued a circular to the effect that on January 10, 1904, all saloonkeepers, bartenders or professional gamblers shall either quit the order or those occupations. In the event of a refusal to cease such callings they will be tried and expelled.

### Promoting Kentucky Line.

H. L. Martin, a Cleveland capitalist, is endeavoring to get the right of way for a railroad from Hillsboro, Fleming county, to Salt Lick, Bath county, where connections will be made with the Chesapeake & Ohio.

This road would be about twenty-eight miles in length, and would traverse a rich timber and mineral territory.

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# Blind For Forty Years.

John Day, Known to Our People as

THE "BLIND FIDDLER,"

Has Been Operated On For Blindness

AND NOW SEES.

[E. D. POTTS IN LEXINGTON LEADER.]

In a darkened room at the Good Samaritan Hospital sits John William Day, the man who was once blind but who now can see.

Moved by a feeling of interest in the case, already published in the Leader, whose history savors of the days of miracles, I obtained a permit from the surgeon in charge, and had an interview of two hours Saturday with the patient.

It happened that I arrived just as the eyes were being dressed and saw the tests made by which it was evident that the operation performed on Sunday would be successful. He was seated in a willow rocker without a ray of light in the room. save that given by an old-fashioned sperm candle stuck in a portable tin holder, so that it might be shifted about at the doctor's will. After the dressing and the departure of the attendants I asked Mr. Day some questions, which he was very willing to answer.

Mr. Day is a man of 5 feet 11 1/2 inches in height, weighs 145 pounds, is of fair complexion, with dark brown hair, a heavy moustache, and eyes whose color he says is dark blue. He is without education, but of intelligence, and shows a quaint humor that is irresistible.

"Do you want to get my history?" he remarked directly to the point. "Well, I'll tell you anything you want to know."

"You will find it easier to answer my questions, Mr. Day."

In response he said:

BLIND FOR FORTY YEARS.

"I was born at Morehead, in Rowan county, Ky., on the 13th day of May, 1801. My father was Jilson Lewis Day, cousin of Judge Day, of Montgomery county; my mother was Elizabeth Setters. An uncle of mine had four blind children, but there was no blindness in our family except in my case. I was two and a half years old when the trouble began with a severe attack of cholera infantum. For forty years I have not seen a wink; I could barely tell whether it was light or dark. I loved to work and used to help my father on the farm, but straining my eyes would give me headache, so father would get sorry for me and make me go to the house. When I was about eleven he bought me a violin—a dark-colored German violin. I loved music and father said he knew I could never do any work. I learned to play by ear, catching up any tune I could hear from bands, or just anywhere.

HIS MARRIAGE.

"Seventeen years ago, when I was twenty-six, I married Mary Wireman, of Powell county, Ky. She was eighteen years old and a teacher. I had no chance to get an education but she was a school teacher. Her family were the best and

there are no blots on mine that I have ever heard. She is a Methodist, is a cheerful, helpful woman, very domestic and, saving the little I could make to go as far as it would. I had to be a traveling man but she couldn't go about with me much. We lived in the mountains of Tennessee for a time; then we moved to a little farm house six miles from Ashland."

NEVER SAW HIS CHILDREN.

"I have five children and have never seen the face of one of them. Daisy Myrtle is sixteen. She used to go around with me till she got too big. She isn't a good scholar—I couldn't educate her much, but she is business-like and smart, and helps at home. The next one was Claude Forrest. He was eleven years old when he died with typhoid fever the 15th of last September. Luella Belle is eight years old and goes around with me when I play. My little boy, Goebel, is two years old. Bunyan is my baby. He is nine months old. No, he was not named for the Pilgrim's Progress man but for my wife's brother, who was. That's where they first got the name.

HE IS A PHILOSOPHER.

"Blindness is mighty bad, but it could have been worse. My health has always been good. It is great happiness to go home nights when tired out with standing and fiddling all day, and have the little ones come around my knees and hear their prattle. They show me everything they can get hold of to play with. 'Here, Pappy, see this'—and they take my fingers and have me feel what they want to 'show' me. Both my girls can sing, and they sing with me some times."

HARD TIMES.

"Yes, I've had some pretty hard times, especially in the winter. It's too cold then for me to stand out and play, or to take my little girl, and too cold for people to listen. So I must make enough in summer to last through the winter. I didn't own a foot of land on earth—have got nothing, and not ashamed to own it. I have always done my best, but that's been pretty tough sometimes. No ma'am, I wouldn't get discouraged. Where there's a will there's a way. I never had a doctor's bill, can eat anything I want and pretty near anything I can get. My little girl is always neatly dressed, and folks say I am also.

"How did I manage? Well, I would join some show and travel about for a while. But my general rule would be to go from town to town and stand to stand, playing and singing. My little girl would pass around a cup. We wouldn't say a word. People saw my condition and never asked a question. No, I never kept account of what I

made. It had to be from 50 to 75 cents a day for us to live. I got it and spent it right along—there was none to lay up. We never begged. We sold ballads and songs and then passed about in the crowd to take what they would give us; but we didn't ask charity—it was hard work to earn so little. Some nights I'd be too tired to sleep and hadn't maybe got a cent all day long. Yes, we are poor, but we have always been happy together. The little fellows learned to get out of my way, knowing I would not hurt them if I could help it. I could not see their faces but I could pass my hands over their curly heads and cheeks and know what they looked like to me.

HIS MUSIC.

"Well, ma'am, I play mostly the old fashioned music, such as 'Leather Breeches' and 'Zip Coon,' the 'Devil's Dream' and such like, though I do catch on to some other tunes once in a while. I compose music myself. My wife helps me with the poetry so as to fit the words to the tune. I try to please the people. I was for free silver, I will say over for one of my songs to suit the time when Bryan was running. (Here Mr. Day recited some fifteen stanzas of a topical song.) I didn't like to offend people who had different politics so was careful when I sung this song. But it gives you an idea of what I can do.

"What is my favorite? I can't say that I have any. Let me think. Well, for an old mountain hoe down, I reckon 'Wild Horse' is as near my favorite as anything I play. I like 'em all. I have played so long and so many of 'em that I can't say I have any choice.

SEEKING A DOCTOR.

"How did you come to have the operation?"

"Well, I always wanted the catarract removed but I didn't know anybody that could do it. I had no money to pay for it, and I didn't expect it to be done for nothing. Every once in awhile some doctor would step up to me when I was playing take a look at my eyes. Several of them from time to time said they thought they could give me some sight; but I didn't have any faith. I was living on the L. & E. R. R. in the edge of Wolfe county, trying to make a little money in a new field. It was on a court day when Dr., of Lexington, looked at my eyes and tried to persuade me to come here and let him cure me. He said he could do it and that he would do it free. The election was coming off and I thought everybody was busy. I had no money to pay my board at the hospital, so I didn't take hold of the idea right then. A little while back who should I find getting off the train at Ashland to see this same doctor. He saw me and at once began at me to come over and let him operate. I said I had a sister living at Lexington, Mrs. Nora Moore, of 409 Seventh street, if he could operate as well at her house as at the hospital I would come and try it. My wife said I was just as ready as I'd ever be, so I came on. When I got here, a man whose son's eyes had been operated on, Mr., said to me, 'Don't you have your eyes touched till you talk to Dr.—' I went to Dr.—and he was willing to do the job for nothing, but he wouldn't operate outside the hospital.

THE OPERATION.

On Sunday the 14th, last, the surgeon applied local anesthesia, and carefully removed the catarract and whatever complications were binding the man's sight. The time was brief and the patient was brave; not a vestige of nervousness, but a mountain of faith. At the crucial moment the doctor said, 'Open your eyes—look—what do you see?'

When blind Bartimeus received his sight he said, 'I see men as trees walking.' This mountain fiddler, under an influence not divine, but all-potent, said, 'I see your fingers moving—two fingers. 'Don't look up,' quickly admonished the surgeon, as the eyeballs moved upward.

SAW THE GLORIOUS LIGHT.

'Did I do wrong, doctor? I had to see your face. And oh! I saw the sunshine, the first time in forty years.'

The doctor bandaged the eyes and left strict injunction not to touch them. 'You must tie my hands, doctor—I'm so afraid I might touch them in my sleep.'

A week later I saw the test as stated in the beginning of this story. The young nurse stood before the man, candle in hand. On her head was the muslin cap. He looked and saw—then said with his native humor, 'I didn't know the ladies wore dunce caps these days.'

Next he saw the doctors' spectacles. 'I know what they are,' he said, 'I have felt many a pair. Now you men all wear spectacles but you've got regular packsaddles on my eyes.' The packsaddles were the bandages.

A BLIND MAN'S HOPES.

'I know that I will see,' he said, 'I can see already. In ten days the doctor will fit a pair of lenses that will give me as good eyes as a man need want. I may not even see as well as some people, but after forty years of dark night, the blessed light has come—light enough for me to see the ones I love. We have been on the world's charity long enough. We have never murmured. I don't know what I can do, but I must get to work. If nature will only do her part I will do mine.'

'Do you find it tedious here, Mr. Day?'

'Well, it would be, but Capt. Bunch here is a source of happiness to me—the nurses come in and pass compliments—my sister consoles me. She brought me a letter from my wife yesterday. I am thankful for so good a place and I am as patient as I know how to be.'

And so I left him in his comfortable hospital chamber, attended by faithful nurses, watched by his most tender of scientific physicians, and cheered by kind friends.

Is there no lesson to be learned at this blessed Yule tide from this man's patience and industry and cheerfulness during a lifetime of struggle amid outer darkness. God help us all to be as worthy.

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EASTMAN'S KODAKS AND FILMS, DEVELOPING MACHINES, ETC., on sale at

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Public Sale of Suburban Real Estate.

The undersigned will on Thursday, the 21st day of January, 1904, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the premises, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the following described real estate, to wit:

A tract of land lying in the City of Mt. Sterling, Ky., on the Spencer turnpike, containing 9 acres of land and known as the Dillard Hazelrigg residence property. There is a good brick residence on this tract, a good cistern and all necessary outbuildings. The undersigned will take pleasure in showing the property to all prospective bidders. The sale will be made for the purpose of settling the estate of the late George Hazelrigg. Terms liberal and made known on day of sale.

SAM TUBLEY,

Agent for the heirs of George Hazelrigg.

Ewes for Sale.

Seventy head good ewes, due to lamb in February; also 11 head 70-pound cattle shoats.

PROSEI SEE, Mt. Sterling, Ky. R. F. D. No. 4.

See the HOOKER BOOTEE, none at J. H. BRUNNER'S, better

MARKING ON SILVER.

Simple Means of Duplicating Design When Once Inscribed.

Jewelers who engrave initials on spoons and forks sometimes find difficulty in securing perfect uniformity in the size and symmetry of the letters, and have wished that there was some simple means of duplicating the design when once inscribed. The following advice, to meet that emergency, is offered by the Jewellers' Circular Weekly. The method here proposed gives a tracing on the other spoons, like that on the first, and guides the engraver's eye in his later work.

After cutting the first initial, rub some wax made of three parts of beeswax, three parts tallow, one part Canada balsam and one part olive oil into the engraving. Then clean off the surplus, and after moistening a piece of writing paper, by drawing it over the tongue, apply it to the engraved surface and press it down evenly. Over this place a dry piece of paper, and, holding both down with the forefinger and thumb of the left hand, go over the entire surface with a steel or bone burnisher. This will press the dampened paper into the engraving and a clear impression will be the result if due care is taken. The paper should be carefully removed from the engraving and applied in a similar position on each of the other articles, and if carefully rubbed with the finger, a clear impression will be made. If care be taken with the impression paper it can be used for two or more dozen pieces.

New St. Louis-Hot Springs Service via Iron Mountain Route.

Effective Sunday, November 8, the Iron Mountain Route will inaugurate its through fast service between St. Louis and Hot Springs Ark. Train will leave St. Louis 8:30 p. m. daily, arriving Hot Springs 8:00 a. m. Returning leave Hot Springs 7:30 p. m., arriving St. Louis 7:35 a. m. This train will be known as the "Hot Springs Special." Up-to-date equipment. Trip from St. Louis to Hot Springs will be made in less than 12 hours, and will enable passengers to take supper in St. Louis, breakfast in Hot Springs. The fastest time and best equipped train to the National Sanitarium. For descriptive pamphlets address A. A. Galla her, D. P. A., 413 Walnut street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

For Sale or Rent.

My resident property on Hottel avenue, 1 acre of ground, two lots, good repair with all modern conveniences. Call on or address H. R. Prewitt, 22-1/2 Mt. Sterling, Ky.

For Rent.

Dwelling House of 7 rooms, with good stable and large garden, corner Main and Queen streets. 14-1/2 J. G. TRIMBLE.

To Travelers.

We meet all trains for the transfer of baggage, and do a general transfer business. Phone No. 46 Call day or night. 26-1/2 WILL BEAN.

In an interview Friday night Perry Beath, Secretary of the National Republican Committee, said it was President McKinley's last wish and his conviction that Marcus A. Hanna should and would succeed him as President.

Property for sale or rent in any portion of our city by T. F. Rogers, Real Estate Broker.

I have for sale 2 No. 1 saddle mares, 5 years old. J. G. TRIMBLE.

Ladies see Brunner's special \$2.50 line of ladies shoes in the latest styles in vici kid and patent vici kid. 23-3/4

Baled Hay For Sale.

Clean timothy, \$16 ton delivered. 21-1/2 K. B. YOUNG.

Rubbers! Rubbers! Rubbers! at J. H. Brunner's, The Shoe Man 23-3/4

'Lish Noble Returns.

Jackson was treated to a sensation last week by the sudden arrival of former Deputy Clerk E. L. Noble, who left there a few days after the Marcum assassination, in company with Deputy Sheriff Jesse Spicer. The mysterious disappearance of these two young men, following close upon the arrest of Curtis Jett, gave rise to the report that they were in some way connected with the Marcum murder, but it soon developed that they alleged to be implicated in a land scheme operated by Chicago sharpshooters, under the name of the United States Land Syndicate, and upon being notified of the plight of their Chicago associates they disappeared. Noble was said to have been an eye-witness to the killing of Marcum, and Jett filed a lengthy affidavit for continuance on account of Noble's absence, alleging that Noble would state that Jett was on the sidewalk at the time Marcum was shot.

The best snag-proof gum boot at Brunner's, at the right kind of prices. 23-3/4

Reduction of Wages.

In N. Y., Penn., Ill., Mich., and other States the wages of many thousand laborers will be reduced 10 per cent. on January 1.

Lost.

A 32-calibre Colts "New Police" blued-steel pistol. Return to C. T. Wilson and get \$5.00 reward. 23-3/4

J. A. Gorman has purchased of Mrs. B. Agnes Stone, of Lexington, her residence property on West High street, this city.

Buy oranges, nuts and fine candies from the Corner Grocer, Harry Lithcum. Phone 2.

The Miles Milling plant, of Frankfort, with 60,000 bushels of Wheat burned.

A Christmas Present

Can be found in our store that will surely please you. LOOK over our extensive line of the handsonest

DRUGGETS and RUGS

ever brought to Mt. Sterling...

Our line of Furniture is complete, and a handsome CHAIR or a set of the Globe-Wernick Elastic

BOOK CASES will make a welcome present

Don't fail to look up the beautiful line of LAMPS AND CHANDLER SETS we have added to our stock.

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## WORTH A THOUGHT

This Statement Will Interest Scores of Mt. Sterling Readers.

The facts given below are about a person by all who are anxious about their physical condition or are similarly situated to this resident of Frankfort. It is a local occurrence and can be thoroughly investigated.

W. T. Reading, dry goods dealer of 315 Broadway, and residing at 225 Elk Place, says: "I have the greatest faith in Doan's Kidney Pills for my experience taught me that they are true to their representations. For months I was plagued with backache, not sharp pains, but a dull aching all the time. I first noticed it over my hips then by degrees it worked across the small of my back, the pain being so constant that I became so lame and sore that if I stooped or sat for awhile I could hardly get up. When I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and especially recommended for my trouble I got a box. After using them a few days I noticed a marked improvement in my condition and in a short time I was cured. I will corroborate this statement at any time in a personal interview or in reply to any communication mailed to me."

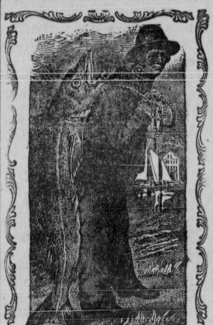
Plenty more proof like this from Mt. Sterling people. Call at the drug store of F. C. Duerson and ask what his customers report.

Sockets have been placed for twelve thousand incandescent electric lamps on the Palace of Education at the World's Fair.

An announcement from Washington says it will require \$15,000,000 to maintain rural routes already established next year, and \$5,000,000 will be needed to establish new routes contemplated.

My resident property on Holt avenue, 1 acre of ground, two lots, good repair with all modern conveniences. Call on or address H. R. PREWITT, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

The holiday business of our merchants has been heavy.



Don't forget the old man with the fish on his back. For nearly thirty years he has been traveling around the world, and is still traveling, bringing health and comfort wherever he goes.

To the consumptive he brings the strength and flesh he so much needs. To all weak and sickly children he gives rich and strengthening food.

To thin and pale persons he gives new firm flesh and rich red blood.

Children who first saw the old man with the fish are now grown up and have children of their own.

He stands for Scott's Emulsion of pure cod liver oil—a delightful food and a natural tonic for children, for old folks and for all who need flesh and strength.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 405-415 Pearl Street, New York. 50c and \$1.00; all druggists.

WILL BEAR.

## INTRAMURAL RAILWAY

For Transportation of World's Fair Visitors.

A SCENIC ROUTE SIX MILES LONG

How the Road is Being Built—One Trestle 2,100 Feet Long—Electricity Furnishes the Motive Power—Seventeen Stations on the Route.

Visitors to the World's Fair next year may take a car on the Intramural railway at any of the entrances, or at any one of the 17 stations distributed at intervals along the route, and ride six miles, making an entire circuit of the grounds. A general view of all the big exhibit palaces can be obtained from the windows, and one may ride to within easy walking distance of any important building.

The construction of the Intramural is being pushed rapidly toward completion. Five of the 12 miles of track to be laid are completed, and only the electrical equipment to be ready for operation. Double tracks will be laid the entire length of the road.

The maximum grade of the Intramural is 3 per cent and the maximum curvature 20 degrees, except the loop curves at the terminals, which have a radius of 75 feet. Three hundred men are constructing the trestles, grading and laying the tracks. The road is perfectly graded throughout except for a short distance in the western part of the grounds.

Work is being pushed in the trestle which will carry the road down Government Hill, close to the eastern fence. This trestle is the best engineering feat on the line of the road. It will be 2,100 feet long and will be built on piling of heavy double deck structures, 30 feet high.

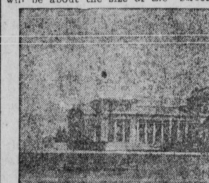
A trestle bridge, which will carry the road over the World's Fair terminal surface tracks, is progressing rapidly. This bridge has a length of 115 feet, consisting of two 50-foot spans.

The Intramural tracks will be used for transporting building material and exhibits during the pre-exposition period. The tracks throughout are standard gauge, 4 feet 8 1/2 inches, which is the gauge of both the Intramural and steam railway equipment.

The construction of the entire line will be heavy enough to run the largest switch engine over it, without danger. Railroad cars will be handled in the tracks even after the wires for the Intramural road are in place.

Installation of the trolley poles is progressing as rapidly as the tracks are laid. The poles are 30 feet long and of white pine. They set six feet in the ground so that the trolley wire will be 18 feet above the top of the rails. The poles are planted between the double tracks and the wires will be supported on brackets attached to them, as in boulevard trolley construction.

The equipment for the Intramural is now being made at the St. Louis car shops. There will be 17 trains, each consisting of two motor cars and a trailer. A few open cars will be used, but most of the cars will be closed. They will be handsomely equipped with all modern improvements, and will be about the size of the street cars used in large cities.



Each car will have four 40-horse-power motors connected up on the "multiple unit control system." A 500-volt current will be used. The road will be operated in sections, so that the current may be turned off in one section without impairing the operation on the rest of the road.

An interesting sight is the novel time and labor-saving method employed in ballasting the road bed with cinders. A large cylinder dump car used by the street railways of the city has been run on to a flat car, on which rails have been laid. This is done by running a flat car close to an embankment the exact height of the car. On the embankment a spur of the street railway tracks is laid with a trolley wire extending a car's length beyond it. The spur and the rails on the flat car make perfect connection, enabling the electric car to be installed with ease and safety. To the flat car has been coupled a locomotive. As the car is drawn slowly over the system the cinders are distributed along the tracks where they are afterwards leveled. It is estimated that \$10 is saved on each carload of cinders dumped, or about \$2,500 in all. It takes about 15 minutes to distribute a carload by this method, whereas by the old way it took four hours. It was impossible to run electric cars over the Intramural tracks on account of the difference in the gauge.

For Rent. Dwelling House of 7 rooms, with good stable and large garden, corner Main and Queen streets. 1414 J. C. TRIMBLE.

## BULBS FILL FIFTEEN ACRES.

Cannas, Caladiums, Dahlias and Tuberose Form a Beautiful World's Fair Feature.

Fifty thousand cannas, with their gorgeous array of colors; great caladiums, or "elephant's ears," with their mammoth foliage; modest dahlias, with their daintily colored petals, and beds of tuberose, with their wax-like flowers and intense fragrance, combine to make a floral exhibit that will cover sixteen acres of ground on the World's Fair site. The plants will not be seen in one mammoth bed or tract, but will be scattered in well modeled groups over the northern and eastern slopes of Agricultural Hill.

Many thousand choice tuberose bulbs, planted in beds in the six-acre World's Fair garden, will next spring send up thirty blooming spikes, and the fragrance of the blossoms, almost overpowering when breathed alone, will mingle with the more delicate perfume of the rose.

Commencing with the early summer there will be a profusion of blossoms and fresh supplies will constantly succeed one another until frost comes. The caladiums are grown mainly for their foliage, as the blossom is of little value. A group of these almost tropical plants will be in the corner of the terrace 10 feet high and a quarter of a mile long that skirts the mammoth Palace of Agriculture on the eastern side. This terrace, straight as an arrow for nearly the full length of the giant structure, makes a beautiful curve near the southern end and forms a bank for some of the beautiful artificial lakes between the Agricultural and Horticultural buildings. The caladiums thrive near the water and they will attain perfection.

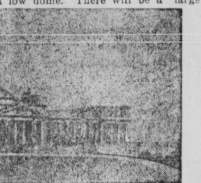
That the dahlia may no longer be considered a "back-yard" flower will be demonstrated by the prominent position allotted for some of the beautiful artificial lakes between the Agricultural and Horticultural buildings. The dahlia will be the star of the exposition. Time was when the dahlia was small and insignificant, but florists have taken it from that class and have developed it so that it ranks with the stately caryanthemum. The petals radiate in a single row from the solidly colored corolla, take on all the tints of the peony or rose.

Until recently the bulb for all these flowers was imported, and this monster exhibit will demonstrate the progress in the industry of growing, flowering and ornamental bulbs in this country.

## NEW YORK BUILDING.

The site of the New York State building is one of the best on the grounds. Situated on the State plaza, with the Illinois and Iowa buildings, both of architectural importance, for neighbors and overlooking Forest Park, it has invited special effort from the architect, and he has produced a design of marked simplicity and dignity in conformity with the traditions of the Empire State. The land falls off about 25 feet on the easterly end, and it has been taken advantage of by the architect to place a large fountain in the center of the site, or terrace. This fountain typifies the Mississippi river in the form of a river god controlling the sea.

The fountain proper will stand on a podium enriched with balustrades and vases. It is to be colonial in design and detail, and surmounted with a low dome. There will be a large hall 60 feet square running the full height, arched and domed in the Roman manner, with galleries around the second story. To the right is to be a large assembly hall 50x60 feet, to be used on state occasions. It is really a part of the Grand Hall. Small assembly rooms will be included in the end of this wing. To the lot of the hall are to be waiting and writing rooms. The whole first floor will be as one room, however, and with its colonnades and arches will present interesting vistas.



The second story will have suitable rooms for the commission, the secretary and general offices. The hall and all of the appointments are most generous, and are to be treated in a simple, quiet manner. In fact, no effort will be made in the way of elaborate decorations, but the beauty of the whole will depend entirely on carefully studied detail and correct architectural lines. In the large hall, however, it is proposed to place four large paintings in the lunettes symbolizing the four original owners, the Indians in one, Spanish and French in another, and the American in the others.

The four pendentives will be filled with pictures emblematic of the four original states included in the purchase, and their products and manufactures. The external sculpture, while not extensive, will receive careful attention. The foundation already described, and the four quadria flanking the dome, will be modeled by representative sculptors and will typify the march of progress. The building will be built of steel in the manner of exhibition buildings, and located as it is in a park and with beautiful surroundings, will do credit to the city.

Remember the old saying, "The proof of the pudding is by tasting the pie." Give us a look before buying.

# A Feast OF Bargains!

THIS MORNING THE GREAT Overcoat and Cloak Sale WILL BEGIN AT Oldham Bros. & Co's Proprietors BUSY BEE CASH STORE.

Every dollar's worth of Overcoats and Cloaks in this enormous stock have been marked in plain figures and every one at SPOT COST and some

## ss Than Cost For Cash!

In order to take stock the first day of January we have decided to close out every Overcoat and Cloak at some price from now until that day.

Having had the best Overcoat and Cloak business we have had in our business career, we have decided that the first loss is the cheapest, and the time to sell stuff is when the people want them. If you are interested in our Overcoats and Cloaks it will pay you to visit the BUSY BEE CASH STORE and get their prices before buying. If we don't sell you we will make prices so low that we will have the pleasure of seeing you leave town without buying elsewhere. Don't miss the opportunity of seeing this immense line of stuff at the low down CASH PRICE THAT IS CLOSING THEM OUT.

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## They Must Be Swimmers.

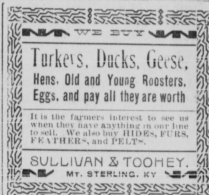
In the Dutch army a man must be able to swim as well as to fight. Moreover, if he is in the cavalry he must have a horse which will take a river as easily as a hunter takes a fence. Swimming maneuvers are part of the regular drill there. Collapsible canvas boats, manned by a few oarsmen, lead the horses so that they do not attempt to land on stone quays and other difficult points. The men swim across both with their horses and on them. They do it in swimming costume, as well as in all the accoutrements of war. There are few nautical emergencies for which the Dutch army is not prepared. Some of the officers have even reached such a degree of proficiency that not only their horses and kits cross the river with them, but their pet dogs sit upon their shoulders and are borne over almost without wetting.

JOHN T. DORIS, Wholesale and Retail Grocer, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

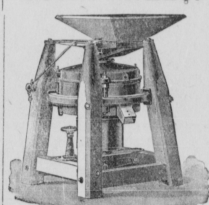
HARRELL, TIBBS & GISH, LIVE STOCK Commission Merchants, UNION STOCK YARDS, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

The BEST market for Kentucky Cattle you can find, for the reason we sell them to the Dressed Beef Houses here and can place large numbers of them. Ship out of your place early in the day and be on our market next morning without unloading.

Write us for information. Ship your cattle to us for good results. Harrell, Tibbs & Gish.



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## DR. FENNER'S KIDNEY and Backache CURE

All diseases of Kidneys, Bladder, Urinary Organs, Also Rheumatism, Backache, Headaches, Gravel, Dropsy, Female Troubles.

Don't become discouraged. There is a cure for you. I necessary write Dr. Fenner. He has spent a life time curing just such cases as yours. All costless. Free.

"For years I had backache, severe pains across kidneys and scalding urine. I could not get out of bed without help. The use of Dr. Fenner's Kidney and Backache Cure restored me. G. WAGNER, Knoxville, Pa. Drugists, 50c. H. Ask for Cook Book—Free. ST. VITUS' DANCE. Pure Cure, Circular, by Dr. Fenner, Free, 5c."

What is it that looks like a cat walks like a cat, but isn't a cat? A kitten.

Ladies if you want a nice cake for Xmas, try a sack of Monitor flour from H. Lintheum.

If a farmer can raise 250 bushels of corn in dry weather, what can he raise in wet weather?—An umbrella.

Jas. A. Todd, the dry goods merchant of Lexington, has been elected President of the Chamber of Commerce.

William Lacer, a farmer at Mt. Camel, Ill., is charged with assassinating his mother as she sat eating her supper in her home.

The packet, Grapevine, was sunk at the public landing at Cincinnati by the ice. The loss, including the cargo, is estimated at \$16,000.

It is announced at Indianapolis that plans are on foot to put a complete net work of electric lines over Southern Indiana, converging at Louisville.

### Cold.

Owingsville must be the coldest point in the State if the statement made that the mercury stood below zero Christmas night, is true.

The Interior Department has refused the application of the city of San Francisco to obtain a water supply from Yosemite National Park. The city contemplated the expenditure of \$39,000,000.

The condition of Mr. P. P. Bunch whose eyes were scalded some ten days ago by the bursting of a steam pipe on one of the trains on the Lexington division of the C. & O. of which he is supervisor, is very much improved and he is now hopeful that his sight will be fully restored. Mr. Bunch is under special treatment at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington.

A. A. Holbrook, of Wilkesbarre, Penn., one of the officers of the Water, Light and Ice plants of this city, was here this week reviewing the plants and their business. He could not promise what methods would be resorted to in order to obtain best results, but we feel sure the company will by some means secure clear, wholesome water, and that the other plants will be made entirely satisfactory to all concerned.

## Grand Opera House MONDAY, JAN. 4.

## THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTHERN PLAY, THE Land 'O Cotton

BY JOHN CRITTENDEN WEBB.  
A SCENIC PASTORAL MELO-DRAMA IN 4 ACTS.  
Presented by a Carefully Selected Company.

Every Act Set With a Wealth of New and Beautiful Scenery.  
See the REALISTIC SCENE, Showing Cotton Ginned, Spun, Carded and Woven.

Hear the Land 'O Cotton Quartette Sing all the Latest Song Successes.  
PRICES: . . . 25, 35, 50c. Few, 75c.

### High School Opera.

A great deal of interest is manifested in the coming production of the Indian opera "Powhatan" by the High School, and the rehearsals indicate that it will be a splendid success. The piece has been performed in many of the larger cities and will be given in Lexington in January and in Louisville in the spring. It has a great deal of merit, musical and dramatic, and the pupils of the school are fortunate in getting the drill and practice. Historically the piece is of interest but it is by no means a dry bit of history—it is altogether too lively for that.

The four young ladies who take the leading characters are giving their parts most intelligent study, and their performance will be highly enjoyable. They are Misses Nesbitt, Hedden, Chiles and Oliver. Among the men the six leading characters are taken by Prof. Hill, and Messrs. Senf, Baker, Brown, Turner and Bassett. There is a capital chorus of Indian maidens, warriors and sailors, and at the opera is a drill and march that is one of the prettiest movements that can be imagined. About one hundred are in the complete company, and the performances are as follows: Friday night, Saturday matinee and Saturday night, Jan. 1 and 2. The prices are popular—grown-ups, 50, 25 and 10c; school children, 15c on lower floor, 10c up stairs. No extra charges for reserved seats at R. H. White & Co's.

### The Corner Grocery.

Harry Lintheum's show window deserves special notice because of the enterprise, design and aggressiveness it shows. He had "old Santa" as near real of the old man as the imagination could make it, and with him were the articles with which he frequents the homes of the good children once a year. It reminded us of when we were boys and a wish for a return to youthful days could not be dispelled. The other window was well filled with fireworks of all kinds, and from the well selected stock at the The Corner Grocery many supplied their Christmas wants. This store, located at the corner of Queen and Locust streets, is doing a prosperous business.

### BOOKS.

New Novels, Standard Works of Fiction, Poetry and Reference—in fact books of all kinds at

### Kennedy's drug store.

#### Family Restaurant.

One of those occasions that make glad the heart of the mother and gives immeasurable pleasure to the fortunate one present, was the family reunion at the hospitable home of Mrs. Lou Ratliff, of Harrison Avenue on last Sunday. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ratliff, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ratliff, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Ratliff, Mr. and Mrs. Roll Ratliff, all of Bath county, and Miss Ann Lizzie Ratliff, who assisted her mother in entertaining.

#### Fire.

Fire broke out in the DeGarmo property on Harrison avenue, occupied by Hoffman Wood and R. F. Moore. The house was slightly damaged. Covered by insurance. Mr. Moore's household effects were badly damaged by water, breakage and fire. Insured in H. R. Bright's agency. Mr. Wood's loss was also heavy and insured in same agency. Fire was caused by a lump of coal, falling from a grate. Entire loss estimated at \$1,250.

#### Who Can Beat It?

On Thursday W. T. Colvin who for some years has been with Trimble Bros. returned from his last trip through Menefee, Wolfe, Morgan, etc. He called on 73 merchants and sold 69 bills of groceries. Mr. Colvin is a genial and popular salesman. He and wife leave tomorrow for Huntington, W. Va., for their new home. We regret to lose them.

Latest style Carriage Heater, with fuel, at J. M. Conroy's. 23-2

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### MOOREFIELD.

Miss Elizabeth Rigg was ill last week with lagrippe.

The sale of the late Thomas M. Vice will take place January 2, 1904.

Miss Nellie Greene has just recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Pansy Berry has returned home for the holidays from Hamilton College.

Mr. Ora Shroat and Miss Lilly Gilvin were married at Lexington last Thursday.

Powell Berry accidentally shot himself in the finger Friday while celebrating Xmas.

The marriage of Wm. Barr, and Miss McCord, of Fleming county, has been announced.

The seven-year-old child of Mr. Olie Barbee, near Locust Grove, died last Wednesday.

Volney Kearns and Miss Annie Thomas, of Hooktown, were married Thursday at Lexington.

Christmas was celebrated at East Union by a Christmas tree at the Church by the Sunday School. It was well arranged and enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Grimes, J. C. Grimes and Miss Cora Grimes, of Covington, D. A. Grimes, of Portsmouth, O., and G. B. Grimes, of Carlisle, attended the funeral of Mrs. Grimes Friday.

The Moorefield school closed Thursday as a Xmas tree and entertainment which was well attended and much enjoyed. The recitation by Miss Ivy Wright was especially commendable.

Mrs. Serelda Grimes, aged 76, died Wednesday, December 23, of heart disease and was buried Friday at Old Pisgah Church yard. She was a consistent christian, a member of the Methodist Church, and was dearly beloved by all who knew her. The funeral was preached by Bro. Wright who paid a very fitting tribute to one who so well deserved it. Her loss will be felt by the entire community. She leaves six children, twenty-seven grand children and several great grand children.

#### STOOPS.

Christmas passed off quietly here. J. H. Haney, who has been quite ill, is able to be out.

Will Kinsick and wife visited Plum Lick last week.

George Warner, of Muncie, Ind., came Friday to visit relatives.

Miss Mary Gillaspie, of Clark county, visited relatives here last week.

Haek Shroat, of near Mt. Sterling, has rented Samuel Hart's farm near here.

John McClure, of Clark county, is visiting his grand-mother, Mrs. Sallie A. Taul.

Sid Hart delivered his crop of tobacco last week to Hise at 84 and 3 cents per lb.

Miss Martie Morgan, of Bourbon county, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Nimrod Byrd, Jr.

Dr. J. M. Waldeck, of Hill Top, visited his family here from Thursday until Sunday.

Miss Sallie McDonald closed her school here Wednesday afternoon with a fine entertainment.

Oscar Hall and sister, Miss Ethel, have returned to their home at Salt Lick, after a visit to relatives here.

On February Court day I will offer to the highest bidder, my hotel and two-story building. Parties wishing to purchase same privately may call on or address C. P. or Mrs. LIZZIE STEPHENS. 21-105

It has been decided to issue \$7,000,000 4 per cent. ten-thirty-year bonds to acquire the friar lands in the Philippines.

#### Suit for Back Taxes.

Suit has been filed with the County Clerk of Breathitt county by Leonidas Redwine, Auditor's Agent for Breathitt county, against the Breathitt Coal, Iron and Lumber Company, alleging that this company has paid no taxes on their land in Breathitt county since the date of its organization in 1882. The company claims to own 154,000 acres of land, but it does not all lie within Breathitt county. The statement of the Auditor's Agent estimates the value of the company's land in Breathitt county at \$125,000.

Fire works, oranges, nuts, raisins, figs, dates and all kind of fancy and mixed candy at the Corner Grocery. Phone 2.

#### To Our Subscribers on Rural Delivery Routes.

Have you reported to the editors that you have a box? If you have not, your paper goes to a country postoffice or is left in Mt. Sterling postoffice. We can not know that you have a box unless we are informed. tf

#### Marked Down for Xmas.

Galaway, Siberian Dog and Wolf Fur Robes at J. M. Conroy's. 23-2

#### Through to City of Mexico

Without change of cars, via Iron Mountain Route, in elegant Pullman sleeping cars, leaving St. Louis 8:40 p. m. daily via Laredo Gate way. Shortest and quickest line. Excursion tickets now on sale.

For further information call on or address

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The Citizens' League, of Covington, has begun a war on the slot machines.

The only place to see Santa Claus is at Harry Lintheum's.

T. F. Rogers will bond you.

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To California points via Iron Mountain Route, leaving St. Louis 8:30 a. m. daily for Los Angeles, via the "True Southern Route," also tourist sleeping cars on this train for Los Angeles and San Francisco every Wednesday and Thursday. Best winter route to California.

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The Manns fine shoes for men—none better, at J. H. Brunner's. 23-24

#### Seed For Sale.

I have for sale about 250 bushels of first-class blue grass seed, as good as hand stripped. Price \$5 cents per bushel. Sample at Advocate office. 17-18 SAMUEL TURLEY.

#### Tour of All Mexico.

Via Iron Mountain Route, under escort of Reau Campbell, Manager The American Tourist Association, Quincy Building, 113 Adams St., Chicago. Selected clientele, limited. All exclusive privileges, independent travel. Special Pullman vestibuled train, drawing room, compartment, library and music room, with the largest dining car in the world, and the famous open-top observation car, Chilliuiti. Special baggage car. Tickets include all expenses everywhere. For information address A. A. Gallagher, D. P. A., 419 Walnut street, Cincinnati, Ohio, or H. C. Townsend, G. P. and T. A., St. Louis, Mo.

All kind of fruits, celery and oysters at Harry Lintheum Phone 2.

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LEXINGTON'S LEADING CLOTHIERS.

## Holiday Goods

Pictures, Manicure Sets, Holiday Books, Comb and Brush Sets, Candle Sticks, Music Robes, Shaving Sets, Military Brushes,

Everything suitable for a nice Christmas Present, at

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Phone 129 No. 7 Court St.

## PERSONAL.

Miss Rosalind Rogers is spending the holidays in Lexington.

Miss Mary Hon, of Lexington, is the guest of Mrs. M. W. Oldham.

Jas. H. Swango and bride, of Terre Haute, Ind., are expected soon.

Joe Gay visited Press Barnes and family at Preston Christmas day.

Uncle Ben Bigstaff, of Athol, Ky., was here during the holidays.

Miss Anna Laura Drake is at home from Georgetown for the holidays.

Jas. Russell, of Paris, spent Sunday with his son-in-law, John Barnes.

Miss Lullie Derickson, of Clay City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. W. Oldham.

Rev. J. R. Peoples, wife and children came on Saturday to visit Mrs. T. D. Jones.

Mrs. J. Hughes, of Bloomfield, was with her brother, C. W. Howe, when he died.

Gemmill Seiff is at home from Cincinnati spending Christmas with his mother's family.

George Linkin, the popular Mayeville street shoe maker, is in Cincinnati on business (?)

M. W. Evans, wife and baby, of Sherburne, spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives in the city.

J. C. Wells was 90 years old on December 24. He was in town last week and appeared quite strong.

Miss Anna McFaddin, of Lexington, was visiting Miss Agnes Walsh from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Kathryn Laughlin, of Lexington, is the guest of Miss Rosalind Goodwin during the holidays.

Miss Nancy Smith, who has been with Roberts & Martin for some months, has returned to Louisville.

A. B. Ratliff on Wednesday returned from a month's stay at Hot Springs. He was much improved.

Mrs. Alice Riley, of Springfield, Ill., is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Emma Chennault.

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Mrs. James Kissick, of Poplar Plains, was in the city a few hours Wednesday, en route home from a visit to her son, near Rothwell.

Jas. Bruton and daughter, of Des Moines, Ia., came on December 24 to visit the family of his father, Enoch Bruton, and other relatives.

J. Wm. Vanarsdell, of Washington, D. C., visited his brothers, Lindsey and Robert, during the holidays. He always has a hearty welcome to Mt. Sterling.

W. S. Emmons, of Flemingsburg, was in the city Wednesday, and his daughter, Miss Margaret, who is attending Miss Bruton's Select School, returned with him to spend the holidays.

Henry Bright and family have moved from this city and located in Lexington. This change was necessary on account of his new position as insurance adjuster. The best wishes of their many friends follow them.

Rev. M. G. Buckner and family came on Monday and will remain until Saturday. M. T. McElwain and wife were also here, and the Cassidy family had their Xmas tree in the evening.

Jimmie Porter, the ever popular and accommodating clerk at the Corner Grocery, and Clarence Fogg, the clever young stenographer for the Old McBrayer Distilling Co., were in Lexington last week.

Miss Frances Lucille Hedden is the guest of Miss Ethel Ingram in Jefferson county, will visit her aunt, Mrs. E. G. Burnett, in Louisville, and returning will visit her grandmother, Mrs. Susan F. Hedden, in Shelby county. She will be absent three weeks.

On Tuesday night burglars broke through the back doors of the saloons of John Gibbons and J. P. King and from the former took \$12 from the cash drawer and the latter \$27. They did not bother drinks, possibly fearing the stuff would prove a tell-tale.

On last Court-day while we were on the street, our attention was attracted by two men. One of them was doing the talking about the horse trade. He was not excited or drunk but was swearing. So full of profanity was he that we decided to time him. In two minutes and ten seconds he swore 12 times. Then we walked away.

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## RELIGIOUS.

The Salvation Army distributed Christmas dinners to 25,000 of New York's poor.

A meeting has recently closed at Warrensburg, Missouri, Christian Church with 167 additions of whom 106 were by confession.

The three infant classes of the Christian Church Sunday School will be entertained at the parsonage this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dr. J. L. Weber preached at the Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening to good congregation in absence of presiding elder, Mann, who was kept from his appointment by sickness. Dr. Weber will preach here again next Sunday morning and evening.

The week of prayer will begin on the evening of Monday, January 4, 1904, at the Methodist Church and will be conducted by Rev. J. R. Hobbs, of the Baptist Church. At this service the entire program for the week will be announced.

Rev. M. A. Cossabomb, of Lexington, preached at the Spencer Church on last Sunday. The congregation may extend him a call to succeed Rev. R. N. Simpson, who resigned to give his entire time equally to the Moorefield and East Union Christian Churches.

Rev. W. E. Hathorn, of Mississippi, preached to the Baptist congregation of this city on Sunday as supply for Pastor Hobbs, who was visiting his father's family in Mississippi. Mr. Hathorn's sermon was received gladly. Pastor Hobbs will be here Friday and preach at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening. Morning sermon will be on "Sunday Schools."

The Sunday-school of the First Presbyterian Church gave a very enjoyable entertainment at Masonic Temple on Monday evening, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and speeches. Ice cream and cake were served. Mrs. Maggie Gaitskill gave to each member of her class presents that were much appreciated by the little ones.

Joplin, Mo., has a population of 30,000. It had only one Christian Church up to last April when a mission Sunday-school was begun. This congregation had about 200 members. On September 4 W. F. Turner began a meeting which continued until Dec. 13. Up to and including the evening of Dec. 12 there were 963 additions. Nearly 700 have been received in the first congregation and the mission point has since April reached a membership of near 400.

## IR RELIGIOUS.

During service at a Presbyterian Church in fashionable suburb at Montreal on Xmas the choir at staid. Pastor severely criticized them. They demanded an apology. He refused, and at the Sunday morning service the choir went on a strike.

The following is a fair representation of what frequently occurs at a church in this city: The congregation arises to sing the doxology:

*Praise God from (a lady puts on her glove) whom (he gets hat) all bless (on goes an overhose) sing flow. (Two men pick up their overcoats.) Praise Him all creatures (a young lady giggles and adjusts hair pin) here below. Praise Him above (a man goes under bench for his hat) ye heavenly host. (Another coughs) out. Praise Father (six women pick up their umbrellas) Son and (four men put on their overcoats) Holy Ghost. (About eight men start for door.) In such confusion the sacred service closes. Say brethren and dear sisters what would you think of the pastor if while the doxology was being sung he should put on his overhose and after inserting one arm in overcoat he should stop to pronounce the benediction? Say now, let's quit such thoughtlessness, or we may get into sin. If any church member (who goes to church) thinks that this is not a fact let that one observe next Sunday.*

## DEATHS.

SMITH.—Prof. Newton Smith, of Cynthia, died on the train returning from Cincinnati. He was 68 years old, and for many years was principal of the city schools. He had been operated on three days previous.

WINGATE.—Willette, aged sixteen years, daughter of Joseph and Eliza Wingate, colored, died in this city on December 25, 1903. The funeral service was held at the Evergreen Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon. She was a bright child, courteous and attentive to the duties of those for whom she worked.

CARL.—Arthur W. Carl, son of B. T. Carl, was born April 2, 1881. He died Dec. 27, 1903, at the home near Sideview, Ky. He was married July 16, 1901, to Miss Ima Wilson, daughter of John J. Wilson, near Spencer, Rev. H. D. Clark officiating. He leaves a wife and a babe seven months old. The burial service was held at Macpelah on Monday afternoon by Rev. H. D. Clark.

HOWE.—After a long sickness Chas. W. Howe died in this city on Saturday morning, Dec. 26, 1903. He was born in Fleming county, but when small came to this city with his parents, W. T. Howe and wife, and has since lived here. Commercially he has been connected with the grocery trade as clerk, traveling salesman or proprietor. At the time of his death he was a grocer, having been for about 12 years. He leaves a wife and two children, Charles and Emi Lee. His sisters are Mrs. Anna Laura Garrett, of Virginia, and Mrs. Emi Lee Hughes, of Bloomfield, Ky., and his brother William, of Arizona. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. H. D. Clark at the Christian Church on Sunday afternoon and the burial was in Macpelah. He was popular, courteous and attentive to business.

GREENE.—After six months of suffering from organic kidney trouble, death came to the relief of James Greene on Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. He was seventy-nine years old, was the son of Thaddeus Greene and was born in Bourbon county December 17, 1824. He was married to Catherine Howard Oldham October 28, 1852, and celebrated their 51 marriage anniversary last October. To them were born nine children, six of whom, I. N., H. K., J. O., R. S. and Misses Sarah W. and Carrie A., survive him. He served in the Mexican war, was a Southern sympathizer. His religious faith was that of the Old Baptists. Funeral service at his late home Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Elder P. W. Sawin, of Lawrenceburg, assisted by Rev. J. R. Hobbs, pastor of the Mt. Sterling Baptist Church. Burial in Macpelah cemetery. Mr. Greene had been an active, prosperous farmer, was of strong mind and determined will, yet tender, loving, companionable. Hoar. I. N. Greene, of the last Legislature, was his son, and Ex-Chief Justice James H. Hazelrigg his nephew. A firm believer in the doctrines of the Old Baptists he was always ready in their defense and often rode many miles to attend their meetings. He suffered long and patiently, and was anxious to depart and be at rest. While loved ones sang "Nearer My God to Thee," he said "it is easy," and his life went out. We deeply sympathize with those to whom this sorrow has come.

The effort may be revived to have an assistant appointed to relieve Bishop William G. McCloskey. The plan was first broached two years ago, but was abandoned indefinitely.

The ladies of the Catholic Church will give a supper at the pastoral residence on Friday, from 5:00 to 10:30 p. m. Admission 25c.

Brunner's shoes are all leather.

## MARRIAGES.

### SWANGO WILLIAMS.

At the residence of Mrs. John Williams, in Paris, Ill., Monday night an announcement party was given at which announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Williams to Mr. J. H. Swango, of this city, to be solemnized December 31. A number of friends were present by invitation and the announcement was received with more or less genuine expressions of surprise, for it has been an open secret among Miss Williams' friends. Mr. Swango has purchased the fine residence property at No. 1205 south Sixth street. Into this home Mr. Swango expects to take his bride after the wedding tour.—The Gazette, Terre Haute, Ind. Dec. 22.

They will visit Mr. Frank Trimble and then visit his parents, G. B. Swango and wife, near this city.

### SCOTT-POWELL.

The engagement is announced of Miss Sadie Roe Powell, of Louisville, to Wellington Scott, son of Percy Scott, of Lexington. Miss Powell is the grand-daughter of Judge Jno. D. Young and wife of our city.

### MANN-BANFIELD.

Allie D. Mann, of Carlisle, brother of the Rev. E. G. B. and L. E. Mann, and Miss Willie May Banfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Banfield, were married on the evening of December 25th at the Cottage Hotel, at Morehead. Mr. Mann is bookkeeper of the Kentucky Freestone Company, and his bride is a popular teacher of Rowan county.

### DURHAM-WILLIAMS.

On Thursday, December 24, 1903, at the Baptist Church in Morehead, Dr. Luke P. V. Williams, father of the bride officiating, Mr. Charles Milton Durium, Cashier of the Sandy Hook Bank, Sandy Hook, Ky., was married to Miss Effie Lessora Williams. The church was a decorated bower. The wedding march gave forth its solemn notes and the ceremony was touchingly beautiful. Maid of honor, Miss Florence Knight of Bracken Academy, and best man, Mr. E. J. Mast, of Ashland. Mr. and Mrs. Durham left the day following their marriage, amidst showers of blessings, for a short visit to friends in Shively, Indiana, and Columbus, Ohio. Returning they will be at home at Sandy Hook, Ky., after Jan. 1, 1904.

### CRAIG-BILL.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1903, in Detroit, Michigan, Mr. J. W. Craig, of this city, was married to Mrs. Clara Hill. They will arrive here on next Sunday. For three years and a half Mr. Craig has been head miller for the Monarch Milling Co., and has many friends here who extend congratulations.

Farm for rent, Mrs. Julia Evans.

## Celebrated.

"Uncle" Nimrod Willis, of Menifee county, celebrated the 83 anniversary of his birth on the 10th of this month. It was a great time. There were about forty persons that partook of the bountiful spread, which was served while a band especially selected for the occasion discoursed sweet music. "Uncle" Nimrod was happy with his guests and the nice substantial remembrances of family and friends. May this good old Democrat be spared yet many years to meet annually with his friends and vote the Democratic ticket, thereby showing his sympathy for the great common people in their struggle against combined trusts.

## Big Land Deal.

Hon. John Chennault, of Madison, retiring Insurance Commissioner of Kentucky, and his brother-in-law, Nelson Gay, of Clark, Ed and Harvey Prewitt and others have returned from Virginia where they went to look at lands with the view of buying. Messrs. Chennault and Gay purchased 2,100 acres of well improved lands with stock on farm, implements, etc., and paid \$26,000. When his term of office expires Mr. Chennault will go to this farm and become a resident of Virginia.

## Sixty-five People Killed.

On Wednesday night a B. & O. passenger train enroute from Pittsburgh to New York was wrecked near Connelville, Pa. It was the finest train on the road. Running 60 miles per hour it ran into some heavy timbers which had dropped from a freight train without the crew's notice. 63 passengers were killed, and 2 have since died. In one coach 40 persons were killed.

## Square Piano for Sale.

Excellent tone. A bargain. Mrs. O. B. Clark, Judy, Ky.

## Blizzard.

The blizzard which struck Kentucky on Friday night prevailed over Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska and other sections. The thermometer dropped to 4 degrees below and 5 to 8 above. In this city it was 5 above on Saturday morning.

## Mr. J. H. Thompson.

J. H. Thompson, aged 83 years, a highly respected citizen of Millersburg, Ky., died Wednesday last at St. Joseph's Hospital with pneumonia.

Choice lot of evaporated fruit at the Corner Grocery.

## With a Brick.

On Wednesday in this city, Jas. Tipton, colored, struck Youth Mitchell with a brick, breaking the skull.

Those special \$2.50 shoes for ladies at Brunner's have no equal.

Geo. Darrell, colored, of this city, was killed at Catlettsburg on Friday night.

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